

DOWN THE TUBES

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If you read between the lines, then you realize we are moving. The COA becomes effective on the 15th of May. No phone yet.

I got tired of borrowing my friend's typewriter, so I rented one this time. Sure feels good to get my fingers on a nice typer. If you do a lot of typing, you know what I am talking about. This one's an IBM Selectric II, but it's not as sharp as the Adler I had.

Awhile back, one of the players paid me a compliment on the good job I was doing. He said the games were progressing smoothly with very little or no GM errors. I felt pretty good until I starting goofing up. Since he made that comment, my GMing has gone downhill. It's like he put the kiss of death on me. Over the last few issues, I've managed to screw up here and there. Last month I hit the mother lode - I really boned it up. One player sent in a set of orders for a Winter/Spring turn, but the seasons were seperated, so I threw out all the orders and waited for new ones to arrive. Of course, his didn't. He was under the impresaiion that his old orders were still valid. They were, but I didn't have them, so he NMRed. That was wrong. I did this player a disservice and I apologize for it. Luckily, Marc is a forgiving and gracious player and let it slide. Nowhere in the houserules did I say that a new set of rules had to be submitted if the seasons are seperated, until now that is. It's been awhile since anybody has seen my houserules, so I have included a copy of them in this issue.

I feel very bad about the whole mess. I don't know why I am making so many mistakes as of late. I teach basic electricity and electronics in the Navy. When my students come up to me after failing a test and they swear up and down that there was no way they could have missed that question, I tell them they probably rushed through it, overlooked something and made a silly error. I call that "AD", or "attention to detail". I tell them to slow down and be a little bit more careful next time. Perhaps I should follow my own advice.

■ DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES IS 31 MAY, 1984 ■

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SPRING 1908

ENGLAND - Kevin Tighe	- F Lpl-IRI, A LON h, F Nwg-NTH(F DEN S), F Bar-NWY, A STP h, F BOT h.
FRANCE - Ricardo Fernandez?	- NMR! F MID h, F SPA(sc) h, A MAR h, A BUR h, A MUN h, A BEL h, F BRE h, F ENG h, A Kie h(dal, ret Hol, Otb).
ITALY - Jeff Sandelin	- A TRI-Tyo, F VEN h, A Rom-TUS, F Wes-NAF, F Tyh-WES(F LYO S).
RUSSIA - Debi Peters	- A Ruh-KIE(A BER S), A SIL-Mun.
TURKEY - Daphne Langley	- A VIE-Tyo, A BUD-Vie, A Sev-UKR, A Arm-SEV, F Rum-BLA, A Con-BUL, F Ank-CON, A Smy-ANK, F Adr-ION.

No Press? What a lively bunch. Will Jim Stevens, 6021 Sleepy Hollow Road, Apt #2, Rome, NY 13440 please submit standby orders for France?

* Last turn, Ken Hager did not NMR. I simply misplaced his orders. Luckily, all his units supported in place so no new adjudication was necessary. On the other hand, Marc Peters sent in orders before the seasons were seperated and didn't update them after the delay. Like a fool, I trashed the old orders and waited for the new ones to roll in. Of course, they didn't. Marc has agreed to let the NMR stand. I was willing to rerun the season should it be his desire, but he didn't want to ruin the game for the rest of the players. I really feel bad about this ordeal because it was totally my fault. I should have kept the orders on file until the deadline AND season in question had elapsed. Oh well, live and learn. The whole mess has prompted the houserule which appears in this issue. One last thing, The Russian unit listed as F Gre last season is really A Gre.

* Summer 1908 * Germany - A Boh ret TYO; Russia - A Ber ret SIL.

AUSTRIA - Ken Hager - A-Bud-Rum(dsl, ann), A Ser-Bud(dsl, ann), A VIE S A Ser-Bud,
A TRI S A Ser-Bud.
 ENGLAND - Ed Jacobs? - NMR! F NWY h, F NWG h, A PIC h, F ENG h, F MID h.
 FRANCE - Marc Peters - F NAF-Mid, A Gas-BUR(A PAR S).
 GERMANY - Bill Quinn - A Mar-GAS, A TYO S A MUN, A MUN S A BER, A BER S A MUN,
F KIE S A BER, F BAL-Swe.
 ITALY - Kevin Tighe - F Tyh-ION(F TUN & F ADR S), A Nap-APU, F POR h.
 RUSSIA - Jeff Sandelin - A STP-Nwy, A SWE h, A SIL-Ber, F PRU-Bal, F ALB-Tri,
A Rum-BUD(A GAL S), A Bul-SER(A GRE S), A BOH-Vie, F AEG-Ion.

* There is a proposal for a concession to Russia as well as an E/G/I draw. Please vote with next season's orders. NVR=Yes.

* Thanks to Mark Harris for submitting unneeded French orders. Will Matt Johnston, 2286 Lancashire, Germantown, TN 38138 please submit standby orders for England?

BERLIN: It's A GIRL! The Imperial family is pleased to announce the birth of a daughter Adrian Lea on 15 April at 5 PM. Mother and daughter are doing well.

GM-BERLIN: Congratulations!

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS

1908

AUSTRIA - Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser	2	even*
ENGLAND - Home, Bel, Nwy	5	even
FRANCE - Bre, Par, Tun	2	remove 1
GERMANY - BER, Mun, Kie, Den, Mar, Swe , Hol	6	even
ITALY - Home, Por, Spa, TUN	6	build 1
RUSSIA - Home, Turkey, Ber , Bul, BUD, Gre, Rum, SER, SWE	13	build 2

* 2 units annihilated



HOUSERULES

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 1971/1976 rulebook will be utilized, except where superceeded by these houserules. Any change to these rules must be agreed upon by both the players and the GM. Any suspected GM errors should be reported to the GM before the next deadline. In any dispute between the GM and a player which cannot be resolved by those concerned, the GM's decision will be final.

ORDERS

Orders should include game ID, season and year, country, submission date and signature. Orders with the latest submission date will be used. Orders must be clear and concise. Ambiguous orders and NMR's (no move recieved) will be treated as holds. Orders giving support to a foreign unit should specify nationality of receiving unit. By the same token, fleet movement to and from Bul, Spa, and Stp should specify coast. The abbreviations Liv, Nor, and Tyr will not be accepted. If you are unsure of the clarity of your orders, then by all means write them out to avoid confusion.

DEADLINES

Orders are due at the time my mail arrives on the deadline day. Orders may be telephoned in, but I can't promise I will be there to answer the phone. Winter and Spring, Summer and Fall orders will be combined into one playing period. The Spring and Fall orders may be made contingent upon the other players Winter and Summer retreats, removals, or builds. Retreats are combined with the subsequent season. The combined seasons will be seperated, and/or deadline extensions will be granted upon request by two or more players, but please try to avoid unnecessary delays. If the seasons are seperated or the deadline is extended, players must submit a new set of orders. Old orders will be discarded.

NMR's AND STANDBYS

In case of NMR in Spring 1901, the GM will use the following neutral orders -

AUSTRIA - F Tri-Alb, A Vie-Tri, A Bud-Ser
ENGLAND - F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Lpl-Edi
FRANCE - F Bre-Mid, A Par-Pic, A Mar h
GERMANY - F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Mun h
ITALY - F Nap-Ion, A Rom-Apu, A Ven h
RUSSIA - F Sev-Rum, F Stp-Bot, A Mos h, A War-Ukr
TURKEY - F Ank-Con, A Con-Bul, A Smy h

In case of NMR after Spring 1901, units will hold unsupported, and a standby will be asked to submit orders for that country the next season. If a player NMR's twice in a row, then he will be replace permanently by the standby. A player who NMR's a total of three times during a game may be replaced. If the GM cannot find a replacement or if the country has only one or two units, the GM may declare a state of Civil Disorder.

CONCESSIONS AND DRAWS

Draw and concession proposals may be made at any time during the game. Voting results take precedence over the season for which they were called for. If several draw proposals pass, the one representing the most supply centers prevail. All active players may vote and a no vote received (NVR) will be counted as a yes vote. Draw and concession votes must be unanimous among players.

NOTATION

In reporting games, I will be using the following abbreviations -

ann	annihilated	nsu	no such unit
C	convoy	otb	off the board
CD	civil disorder	otm	ordered to move
dsb	disbanded	rem	remove
dsl	dislodged	ret	retreat
h	hold	S	support
imp	impossible	u	unordered
nso	no such order		

In reporting Spring and Fall moves, underlined moves fail; all CAPS indicate location of unit at end of season. In reporting supply center status, underlined centers are lost; all CAPS indicate new centers.

ONE FINAL WORD - Deception of the GM is prohibited and will result in getting you thrown out of the zine. Don't do it!

* It looks like I won't be getting any orphan games for awhile, so I have decided to open a new game. If you want in, please send name and preference list. There is no game fee.

* Standbys - Graessle, Harris, Jacobs, Johnston, Martin, Ringhoffer, Peters and Stevens. Anyone wanting on or off this list, just drop me a line.

* Looks like I have some extra space, so I'll just put up my mailing list:

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George Graessle - 326 Park Place, Irvington, NJ 07111.

Ken Hager - 412 Alderdale Circle, Anaheim, CA 92807

Mark Harris - 915 St Paul #235, Richardson, TX 75080

Ed Jacobs - PO Box 119 Midwood Station, Brooklyn, NY 11230

Matt Johnston - 2286 Lancashire, Germantown, TN 38138

Daphne Langley - 4112 Boone Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821

Dick Martin - 26 Orchard Way N, Rockville, MD 20854

Marc and Debi Peters - 29 E Wilson #202, Madison, WI 53703

Bill Quinn - 301 Conroe Dr, Conroe, TX 77301

John Ringhoffer - 1916 Parham Rd, Richmond, VA 23229

Jeff Sandelin - 417 Edwards St, Fort Collins, CO 80524

Jim Stevens - 6021 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Apt #2, Rome, NY 13440

Kevin Tighe - 290 12th St, Arcata, CA 95521

Rod Walker - 1273 Crest Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024

* That's it for now. Don't forget my new address.

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